PATENT APPLICATION

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67041

Takefumi NAGATA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2625

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Examiner: Barry CHOOBIN

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For: APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY SETTING MEASUREMENT REFERENCE

ELEMENT AND MEASURING GEOMETRIC FEATURE OF IMAGE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are all the claims pending in the application. Claim 1 presently stands rejected. Claims 2-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in their independent forms.

Preliminary Matters

As preliminary matters, the Examiner has approved the drawings filed on November 6, 2001. Additionally, the Examiner has returned the initialed form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 6, 2001. Also, the Examiner